

recommended by the Central team which visited the affected area;

(c) the details of assistance sought by the State Government and amount sanctioned by the Union Government to compensate the affected persons of the State till date;

(d) whether the full sanctioned amount has been released;

(e) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(f) the time by which the full assistance is likely to be released to State Government ?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (EXCLUDING THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING) (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) According to the reports received from the Government of Andhra Pradesh, cyclones, heavy rains and floods during October and November, 1996 affected a population of 1.71 crores, claimed 1412 human lives and damaged 7.46 lakh houses and crops in an area of 15.49 lakh ha. in the State. The State Government had submitted two memoranda seeking additional assistance of Rs. 2693.00 crores from the National Fund for Calamity Relief (NFCR) for relief and rehabilitation measures in the affected areas. Central teams visited the affected areas and after considering these reports the National Calamity Relief Committee approved an assistance of Rs. 142.00 crores from the NFCR, which was released to the State Government on 1st January, 1997. This was in addition to Rs. 93.14 crores released as Central share of Calamity Relief Fund during 1996-97 and Rs. 63.00 crores sanctioned for rehabilitation in the coconut and cashewnut sector.

(e) and (f) Do not arise.

Public Distribution System

579. SHRI BHAKTA CHARAN DAS : Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state :

(a) whether functioning of the Public Distribution System in rural areas and its effectiveness have touched rock bottom in most of the States except southern part of the country;

(b) whether only 5.2% of the house-holds of Orissa, Bihar and Uttar Pradesh are drawing from the PDS while it is 82% and 78% in Tamil Nadu and Kerala respectively;

(c) if so, whether food security for the poor has remained ineffective despite the high level of foodgrains production and large stocks lying with the FCI;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the measures contemplated by the Government to make Public Distribution System effective ?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI DEVENDRA PRASAD YADAV) : (a) to (e) Public Distribution System (PDS) is implemented under the joint responsibility of the Central and State Governments. Central Government makes available certain essential commodities to States and UTs, whereas the operational responsibility of implementing the PDS including distribution in rural and urban areas is of the State Governments/UT Administrations. There is considerable variation in the reach of PDS among different States in the rural areas.

PDS is universal in nature. The strengthening and streamlining of the operations under PDS is a continuous process. Matters relating to improving the PDS are emphasised and discussed with State Governments/UT Administrations in various fora like regional meetings, conferences, etc. Central Government also monitors the progress in various States/UTs through periodical reports on selected items.

Government of India has now taken a decision to streamline the PDS with focus on the poor, under which 10 kgs. of foodgrains per month per family at about half the Central Issue Price (CIP) will be provided to all families living below poverty line. State Governments/UT Administrations have been asked to ensure necessary arrangements for fool-proof identification of poor, delivery of foodgrains at Fair Price Shops (FPSs) for distribution in a transparent and accurate manner.

State Governments/UT Administrations have also been directed to implement the system of monitoring and reporting on the working of PDS together with constitution of Vigilance Committees at Fair Price Shops, District and State levels.

[Translation]

Additions to OBCs List

580. SHRI N.J. RATHWA :

SHRI MAHESH KUMAR M. KANODIA :

SHRI KASHI RAM RANA :

Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the department of Social Welfare of the Gujarat Government has sent proposals to the Centre regarding enlargement of common list of Other Backward Classes in Gujarat during the last three years;

(b) if so, the details of proposals received during the said period till date with year-wise break-up;

(c) the number of proposals out of them accepted, rejected and pending so far year-wise; and

(d) the time by which the pending proposals are likely to be considered ?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A proposal for inclusion of castes/sub-castes/communities in the Central list of Backward Classes was forwarded in 1995-96 by the Social Welfare Department of Gujarat Government. This proposal has a list of 63 castes as per the statement enclosed.

(c) The Government of India has already Notified Pakhali Caste for inclusion in the Central list for OBCs in respect of the State of Gujarat, on December 11, 1995. Other cases will be taken up when requests are received from individuals/associations/organisations as required under Section 9(1) of National Commission for Backward Classes Act, 1993.

(d) As soon as the requests are received for inclusion in the Central list of Backward Classes in respect of the State of Gujarat from the individuals/associations/organisations, the pending proposals will be taken up for necessary action.

Statement

Statement showing list of Castes/Sub-Castes/Communities proposed by the Govt. of Gujarat for inclusion in the Central list of Backward Classes.

Sl. No.	Caste/Class/Group
1	2
1.	Arab
2.	Bhand
3.	Burud
4.	Chakrawadya Dasar
5.	Chaudhari (where they are not S.T.)
6.	Chamtha
7.	Dakaleru
8.	Depalu
9.	Ghantia
10.	Ghancha
11.	Galkada
12.	Gavli
13.	Hati
14.	Tachak

1	2
15.	Kalhodia
16.	Kotwal
17.	Kumbhar (Biyar, Kadra Patel, Lathiya, Potmakar, Prajapati, Variya, Varia)
18.	Kharak
19.	Khavas
20.	Karadiya-Nadoda, Bhathi Rajput
21.	Khasiya
22.	Mistri Gujar, Mistri Rathod, Mistri Suthar
23.	Munda
24.	Madhaviya
25.	Mali
26.	Malya
27.	Palwadia
28.	Padhariya
29.	Pakhall
30.	Sangreda
31.	Shingday or Shingadya
32.	Sochi
33.	Sumra
34.	Sagar
35.	Sathwara
36.	Thakur (Non-Rajput)
37.	Timali
38.	Tarak
39.	Vajir
40.	Yadav
41.	Kabari, Baria Motabhai, Chosla, Janapada (where they are not S.T.)
42.	Luhariya
43.	Ghanchi
44.	Teli, Modh Ghanchi
45.	Hingera (Hindu)
46.	Jilaya
47.	Taria-Tai
48.	Koli-Malhar, Koli Mahadev or Dongar Koli (where they are not S.T.)

1	2
49.	Miana, Miyana (Hindu)
50.	Mansari (Muslim)
51.	Charalia, Charmta, Luni, Kushar, Tank, Muchhal, Kadiya, Kumbhar (where they are not S.T.)
52.	Padat, Ravar, Rawalia
53.	Sandhi (Hindu)
54.	Palanwadia
55.	Jogi Vadi
56.	Vale (Hindu)
57.	Vanjara, Charan Banjara, Mathura Banjara, Maru Banjara, Bhagore Banjara, Kangasiya Banjara, Bamaniya Banjara, Ladiniya/Banjara, Gavaria or Gawalia, Rohidas Banjara
58.	Vaghri-Gamicho, Vedva Churalia, Jakhudia (where they are not S.T.)
59.	Wadwa Waghari
60.	Gadhai
61.	Ganudi
62.	Bhat
63.	Jachak

Closure of Industrial Units in Delhi

581. SHRI JAI PRAKASH AGARWAL : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether any meeting was organised under his chairmanship with the representatives of Delhi Government in November, 1996;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether he had accorded approval for the constitution of a high level committee to suggest the steps to be taken to protect the interests of the workers employed in the industrial units which are likely to be shut down in compliance to the verdict given by the Supreme Court;

(d) if so, whether this committee has since been constituted;

(e) if so, the details about the chairman and the members of this committee;

(f) the details of recommendations/suggestions made by this committee so far; and

(g) the action being taken by the Government over them ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR) : (a) to (g) The requisite information is given in the attached statement.

Statement

The Union Home Minister held a high level meeting on 22.11.96 to review the measures being taken for relocation of specified industries consequent upon the orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India. It was in the said meeting decided, inter alia, to constitute an informal core group of senior officers under the chairmanship of the Chief Secretary, Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi to recommend a suitable action plan for ensuring that interest of workers was safeguarded.

2. The recommendations of the Core Group were reviewed in a subsequent meeting held on 26.11.96 as a result of which a statement on the issues involved was made on behalf of the Ministry of Labour in both the Houses of Parliament on 28.11.96 and an application was filed on behalf of the Ministry of Home Affairs on 29.11.96 in the Supreme Court of India. The Apex Court passed order on 4.12.96, the main features of which are as under :

(a) The industrial units which fail to relocate and simply close down their operations will pay six years' wages to their workmen as compensation as against one year's wages ordered earlier. This would be in addition to the compensation payable under Industrial Disputes Act;

(b) The industries which fail to re-locate and simply close down will be entitled to land use of the existing premises at par with what has been ordered in respect of industries which re-locate (that is, in both cases the owners can retain maximum of 32% of the land for their use). As per the earlier judgment, the industries which simply close down were entitled to 100% of the land;

(c) In case of closure, the workmen availing of any residential facility provided to them by the industrial units would continue to be extended the same facility for a period of 1 years or till such time owner pays a compensation of Rs. 20,000/- to the workman; and

(d) The industries which re-locate will allow their workmen to continue the occupation of the present residential accommodation till such time as alternative accommodation is provided to them at the re-located site.

[English]

Coastal Zone Management Plan

582. SHRI N.K. PREMCHANDRAN :

SHRI T. GOVINDAN :

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS